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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: AUSTRIAN PARTICIPANT AT ELSINORE MEETING OF SOCIALIST LEADERS SAYS MOST PARTICIPANTS AGREED THAT TINDEMANS' REPORT IS DEFICIENT ON RELATIONSHIPS OF EC-NINE WITH OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND THAT BROADER INTRA-EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD ALSO BE BUILT-UP. EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH POSITION, PROMOTED BY AUSTRIANS, REFLECTS AUSTRIAN DESIRE AS SMALL AND RELATIVELY UNINFLUENTIAL NEUTRAL TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN BUILDING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN EUROPE THAT SECURE AUSTRIAN INTERESTS. END SUMMARY.

2. COUNCIL OF EUROPE (COE) PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT KARL CZERNETZ BELIEVES DISCUSSION AT ELSINORE OF TINDEMANS' REPORT AND PROBLEM OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EC-NINE COUNTRIES AND NINE-EC COUNTRIES REPRESENTED THERE WAS MORE IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT THAN DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE. WITH RESPECT TO LATTER, HE SAID, PRESS COVERAGE COMPLETELY DISTORTED FACT THAT SITUATION AFTER ELSINORE REMAINS PRECISELY WHAT IT WAS BEFORE, VIZ. THAT EACH NATIONAL PARTY WILL MAKE ITS OWN DECISION BUT WITHOUT SANCTION, EVEN IMPLIED, OF OTHERS OR OF SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI). CZERNETZ THINKS MOST ELSINORE PARTICIPANTS NOW AGREE THAT TINDEMANS' REPORT IS TOTALLY DEFICIENT WITH RESPECT TO MATTER OF EC-NINE RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, AND THAT COE AND OTHER BROADER, INTRA-EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS MUST BE BUILT UP ALONG SIDE THOSE OF EC. BILATERAL COOPERATION OF EC-NINE WITH EACH OF OTHER WEST

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES CANNOT LEAD TO LATTER JOINING EC, AS TINDEMANS' REPORT ENVISIONS NOR CAN EC-NINE NOW SPEAK FOR OTHERS.

3. CZERNETZ TOLD LABATT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FULL WEST GERMAN SUPPORT FOR ABOVE VIEWS IN TALKS WITH GERMAN SOCIALIST AND FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS AT BONN BEFORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELSINORE MEETING. AT ELSINORE, HE SAID, BRANDT STRONGLY SUPPORTED BUILDUP OF COE TO PROVIDE LARGER EUROPEAN BALANCE TO STRENGTHENED EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. MORE IMPORTANTLY, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT NOTED FACT THAT IN SOME RESPECTS, E.G. THROUGH ASSOCIATION IN MONETARY "SNAKE", SOME EC COUNTRIES WERE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO NON-EC THAN OTHER EC COUNTRIES, AND TOOK POSITION THAT EUROPE MUST BE BROUGHT TOGETHER PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND

POLITICALLY ON BROADER BASIS THAN EC SINCE FULL AND DIRECT ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION FOR ALL IS NOT POSSIBLE.

4. CZERNETZ SAID HE ALSO DISCUSSED DEFICIENCIES OF TINDEMANS'S REPORT WITH PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS AND HENRIK FAYAT AT BRUSSELS, POINTING OUT TO THEM NOT ONLY THAT REPORT FAILED TO MENTION COE AND, IN ITS COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, IGNORED FACT THAT BOTH EC-NINE AND OTHER COUNTRIES IN COE ARE ALL BOUND BY EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT THAT REPORT EVEN FAILED TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF RECOMMENDATION OF TINDEMANS'S OWN BELGIAN PARTY-COLLEAGE, LEYNEN, WHOSE REPORT CALLING FOR COE AS BRIDGE BETWEEN WEST EUROPE'S EC AND NON-EC COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY COE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY LAST NOVEMBER.

5. CZERNETZ SAID FAYAT WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN POSSIBLE DIRECT ELECTIONS TO COE TO PARALLEL THOSE TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. CZERNETZ SAID HE REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGHT COE ALREADY HAD RIGHT OF INITIATIVE-WHICH WAS ALL TINDEMANS NOW FORESAW FOR EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND QUITE PROBABLY COULD NOT GET-HE DID NOT FAVOR DIRECT ELECTIONS UNLESS REAL LEGISLATIVE POWER IS GIVEN TO COE; HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT RULE DIRECT ELECTIONS OUT AS ONE OF WAYS TO BE CONSIDERED IN TRYING TO STRENGTHEN BROADER EUROPEAN COOPERATION. CZERNETZ SAID HE ALSO TOLD BELGIANS, AS HE HAD OTHERS, THAT COE WAS IN ADDITION TO, NOT IN COMPETITION WITH, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT; CONCURRENT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO COE MIGHT CLOUD THAT FACT.

6. COMMENT: CZERNETZ'S COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS ON FUTURE RELATIONSHIP OF EC-NINE COUNTRIES TO OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES REFLECT CONTINUING AUSTRIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERN THAT, AS NEUTRAL WITH LIMITED POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INFLUENCE, ITS INTERESTS MAY BE OVERLOOKED IN BUILDING NEW ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS IN WESTERN EUROPE. AUSTRIANS WANT THESE RELATIONS TO DEVELOP WHEREEVER POSSIBLE IN WAYS THAT PERMIT THEM TO PARTICIPATE, EVEN IF THIS DETRACTS TO SOME EXTENT FROM CLOSER COOPERATION WITHIN EC. WHILE AUSTRIANS RECOGNIZE NEED FOR FURTHER INTEGRATION WITHIN EC, IN SEVERAL CONTEXTS (E.G. PORTUGAL, MIDDLE EAST, ENERGY) THEY HAVE ALSO PERCEIVED THAT EC COUNTRIES ARE NOT ALWAYS IN BEST POSITION TO ACT COLLECTIVELY OR WITH APPROPRIATE DISPATCH TO PROTECT EITHER THEIR OWN OR WEST EUROPEAN INTERESTS. BUCHANAN

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